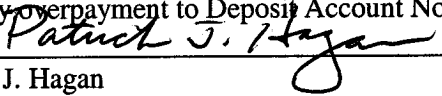


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**Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of **TWO (2)** months beyond the time period set in the last Office Action. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$230.00 to cover this fee. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR  
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the March 24, 2008 Official Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: